

MINUTES
MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF OPPORTUNITY NO. 17
DELEGATION COUNCIL MEETING – RED EARTH CREEK
MAY 28, 2025

The delegation meeting of the Municipal District of Opportunity Council was held on Wednesday, May 28, 2025 at the Red Earth Creek Community Hall.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Brendan Powell (D/Reeve)	Darlene Jackson
Leo Alook	Gerald Johnson
Larry Cardinal	Tahirih Wiebe
Cheri Courtorielle	Roy Yellowknee

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Marshall Auger (Reeve)
Louis A. Cardinal
Robin Guild

IN ATTENDANCE:

Chad Tullis	Chief Administrative Officer
Raymond Auger	Director of Capital Projects & Facility Maintenance
Angela Lightning	Director of Recreation & Culture
Regan Auger	Assistant Director of Recreation & Culture
Trina Mineault	Chief Financial Officer
Katelyn Alook	Manager of Planning & Development/Planner
Kimball Newberry	Director of Public Works
Earl Gullion	Director of Utilities
Lynda Gray	Recording Secretary

MEMBER OF PUBLIC:

Pearl Lorentzen	Lakeside Leader
Ryan Musch	Associate, Finance & Strategy - Bloom CME

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 10:01 a.m. by Deputy Reeve Brendan Powell.

Adoption of Agenda:

0290-2025-17MDC

Moved by Darlene Jackson that the agenda be adopted with additions:

- 7a. Public Communication
- 7b. MLA Discussion
- 14c. Docks in Calling Lake
- 14d. Summer Students in Calling Lake
- 15a. Water in Calling Lake

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Approval of Minutes
(May 14, 2025):**

0291-2025-17MDC

Moved by Gerald Johnson that the minutes of the regular meeting of council held on May 14, 2025 be approved as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Public Communication:

Council would like updates when situations arise, e.g. wildfires, water line breaks, etc. Some residents will contact council members and ask questions. They would also like a heads up on what communication is posted on media.

Administration to communicate with council.

MLA Discussion:

0292-2025-17MDC

Moved by Cheri Courtorielle that administration set up a meeting with the MLA for Lesser Slave Lake.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Initials: Reeve MA CAO CT

**Red Earth School Building
Inspection Report:****0293-2025-17MDC**

Moved by Leo Alook that the Building Inspection Report for the Red Earth School capital project be tabled for more information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Traditional Games Competition
Grant Request:****0294-2025-17MDC**

Moved by Gerald Johnson that the grant request from Golden Eagle High School for funding support to host the Traditional Games Competition on June 13, 2025 be approved for \$5,000.00.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Library Board Agreement:**0295-2025-17MDC**

Moved by Tahirih Wiebe that administration enter into an agreement with the Municipal Library Board.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2025 Mill Rate Discussion:**0296-2025-17MDC**

Moved by Darlene Jackson that administration draft the Tax Rate Bylaw and that it be presented at the next council meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Recess/Reconvene:

The meeting recessed at 10:37 a.m. and reconvened 10:48 a.m.

Bylaw 2025-06 MR Designation**– Calling Lake:**

Being a Bylaw of the Municipal District of Opportunity No. 17 in the Province of Alberta to designate a portion of SE-11-73-22-W4, a portion of NE-2-73-22-W4, all of SE-2-73-22-W4, a portion of SW-1-73-22-W4 and a portion of NW-36-72-22-W4.

First Reading:**0297-2025-17MDC**

Moved by Darlene Jackson that Bylaw 2025-06 be given first reading.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Second Reading:**0298-2025-17MDC**

Moved by Cheri Courtorielle that Bylaw 2025-06 be given second reading.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Unanimous Consent:**0299-2025-17MDC**

Moved by Gerald Johnson to seek unanimous consent that third reading of Bylaw 2025-06 be given.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Third Reading:**0300-2025-17MDC**

Moved by Tahirih Wiebe that Bylaw 2025-06 be given third reading.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Bylaw 2025-09 Municipal
Reserve Disposal – 791 Pelican
Road – Sandy Lake:**

Being a bylaw of the Municipal District of Opportunity No. 17 in the Province of Alberta to dispose a 0.25 acre portion of the Municipal Reserve Designation from Lot 28MR, Plan 8321796 in the Hamlet of Sandy Lake within the boundaries of the Municipal District of Opportunity No. 17.

First Reading:**0301-2025-17MDC**

Moved by Leo Alook that Bylaw 2025-09 Municipal Reserve Disposal for Lot 28MR, Plan 8321796 be given FIRST READING and that a public hearing be scheduled for June 25, 2025.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Muskwa Cemetery Expansion**Request for Additional Funds: 0302-2025-17MDC**

Moved by Leo Alook that administration be authorized to add \$150,000 to the Wabasca Muskwa Cemetery project GL 4-32-00-31-60-90 to cover the overage and perimeter fencing costs.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Muskwa Cemetery Expansion**Contract Award: 0303-2025-17MDC**

Moved by Darlene Jackson that GCS Contracting be awarded the contract to install cement headers, landscaping, spreading topsoil and seeding the area for 6 headers with a total of 149 plots in the new expansion of the Muskwa Cemetery in Wabasca for \$134,420.00 with funds from GL 4-32-00-31-610-90.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Docks in Calling Lake:

There is a concern that the docks in Calling Lake are too short because the water is shallow. The dock also gets crowded. Similar concern were expressed for the dock at Eli Cardinal Park in Wabasca.

Administration to look into extensions for Calling Lake.

Summer Students in Calling Lake:

There are 2 or 3 students graduating this year in Calling Lake that wanted to apply for summer student positions. The requirement on the job advertisement states that students must provide proof that they have completed the school year and are returning to school in September to be considered.

Administration to review the hiring policy.

Calling Lake Water:

A concern was expressed about the water shortage and shutting down the splash park in Calling Lake. The influx in population is about to start. There is also a huge jump with trucks with plastic tanks.

Administration to look at technology options, water rates, restricting access and review the water delivery schedule.

Council Round Table:**0304-2025-17MDC**

Moved by Cheri Courtorielle that the Council Round Table discussions be accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Leave of Absence:**0305-2025-17MDC**

Moved by Darlene Jackson that a medical leave of absence for Councillor Louis A. Cardinal be approved for two months.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Public Library Systems Conference:**0306-2025-17MDC**

Moved by Darlene Jackson that Tahirih Wiebe be authorized to attend the Public Library Systems in Edmonton on October 8-9, 2025.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Initials: Reeve  CAO 

Clay Shoot Tournament:

0307-2025-17MDC

Moved by Gerald Johnson that council be authorized to attend the MD of Greenview No. 16 Clay Shoot Tournament in Valleyview on September 4, 2025.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Information/Correspondence:

0308-2025-17MDC

Moved by Cheri Courtorielle that the information/correspondence items be accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Calendars:

0309-2025-17MDC

Moved by Tahirih Wiebe that the calendars be accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Recess/Reconvene:

The meeting recessed at 11:43 a.m. and reconvened 11:53 a.m.

Closed Session:

0310-2025-17MDC

Moved by Tahirih Wiebe that council move into a closed session at 11:54 a.m. with the Chief Administrative Officer, Director of Capital Projects & Facility Maintenance, Director of Utilities and Recording Secretary to discuss items: a) Calling Lake Senior Homes, and b) Sandy Lake Lagoon, as per section 16 of the Freedom of Information Privacy Act (FOIP).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

0311-2025-17MDC

Moved by Darlene Jackson that council return to open meeting at 12:39 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**M&M Lift Station Request for
Additional Funds:**

0312-2025-17MDC

Moved by Leo Alook that administration be authorized to add \$38,009.79 to the Wabasca Generator Installation M&M Lift Station project GL 4-42-00-31-610-16.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Next Meeting Dates:

Regular Council Meeting

June 11, 2025

10:00 a.m.

Wabasca Council Chambers

Delegation Council Meeting

June 25, 2025

10:00 a.m.


Calling Lake Community Complex

Adjournment:

0313-2025-17MDC

Moved by Leo Alook that the meeting be adjourned at 12:40 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



Marshall D. Auger, Reeve



Chad Tullis, Chief Administrative Officer